

Prayers 11th April

Prayers on hearing of the death of the Duke of Edinburgh

In this moment of sorrow the Lord is in our midst
and consoles us with his word:
No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him.

Blessed are the sorrowful; they shall be comforted.

Heavenly Father,
into whose hands Jesus Christ
commended his spirit at the last hour:
into those same hands we now commend your servant Philip,
that death may be for him
the gate to life and to eternal fellowship with you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Most merciful God,
whose wisdom is beyond our understanding,
surround the Queen and the Royal Family with your love,
that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss,
but have confidence in your goodness,
and strength to meet the days to come.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Intercessions

Living God, our life is in your hands, and we offer you all that we are, all that our past has made us, and all that we may become.

Build us up by the power of your spirit into a spiritual temple where you are glorified day after day, in all our praise and worship and in our love for one another.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Lord God, our planet, with its frenzied life on its fragile skin, is unnervingly small and vulnerable to evil.

Sharpen our consciences to sense your direction and protect us from all that draws us away from you.

Guide our leaders in the way of truth and realign us all to the values that are built on you.

The last year has increased both the unity and the divisions within our communities. Let that unity not fall away in the months to come and help us to heal those divisions.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Living God, may the way which Jesus shows us be the way we live out our daily lives
Around the table, in the daylight and the dark, in the misunderstandings, the tensions and the
rush, in the eye contact, the conversations and the growing.
As we look forward to the challenges facing our parish in the months and years ahead,
Allow us to build on the bridges that we have forged between our church and the wider village
community over the last year
Do not allow apathy, selfishness, mistrust, or differences of opinion to obscure the unity we
share in your love.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Living God, you can use and transform all our experiences.
We lay before you now those who are travelling through a time of pain or anguish, tragedy or
conflict which is hard to bear.

We pray particularly for

We stand alongside them in their suffering, and offer it to your transforming, healing love.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Living God, we remember those who have died and pray for them now.

We pray particularly for

Lead them out of their pain into the light of eternity and keep us all in the way of life that leads
us to share that everlasting life with you.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Living God, we thank you for the assurance you give us, that whatever we face you will be with
us.

Teach us to live each day in the light of that truth, and so to live always as your Easter people,
To the glory of your name.

**Merciful Father
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**